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Letter dated 18 December 2001 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to refer to the letter dated 3 October 2001 (S/2001/940, annex) which Mr. Fidel Castro Ruíz, President of the Republic of Cuba, sent to you concerning the decision of the Government of Cuba to accede to the 12 existing international legal instruments on the prevention and suppression of international terrorism, in response to your appeal to the international community.

I have the honour to inform you that, on the date on which that letter was sent, the Government of the Republic of Cuba immediately began taking the steps required to ratify or accede to the nine international conventions and protocols on terrorism to which Cuba was not a State party.

On 29 November 2001 Cuba deposited at the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) its instrument of accession to the Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection.

Cuba thereby completed the process of ratifying or acceding to the 12 existing international conventions and protocols on terrorism, namely:

(a) Convention on Offences and Certain Other Acts Committed on Board Aircraft;

(b) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Seizure of Aircraft;

(c) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation;

(d) Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents;

(e) International Convention against the Taking of Hostages;

(f) Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials;

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(g) Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts of Violence at Airports Serving International Civil Aviation, Supplementary to the Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Civil Aviation;

(h) Convention for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Maritime Navigation;

(i) Protocol for the Suppression of Unlawful Acts against the Safety of Fixed Platforms Located on the Continental Shelf;

(j) Convention on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection;

(k) International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings;

(l) International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 166, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Bruno **Rodríguez Parrilla**
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